

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 61 have variously been withdrawn or canceled and are no longer currently at issue in this case. Newly added claims 62-65 been added and are requested to be examined under this amendment.

Inasmuch as the office action of 11/27/2007 was a final office action, a Continued Prosecution Request is included along with this submission. Applicant requests examination of the new claims. It is respectfully requested that this Application be re-examined and that allowable subject matter be identified.

The points raised by the Examiner in the written office action will not be responded to only because it is more expedient to deal solely with the new claims.

Helpful Background (differences in claimed features)

The present invention includes the step of washing minute refuse off a laminate with reduction water with (having) negative oxidation-reduction potential. The cited U.S. Patent No. 6,027,807 to Inoue discusses a graphite cladding sheet. This graphite cladding sheet is not washed to remove minute refuse off with reduction water with negative oxidation-reduction potential.

The cited reference U.S. Patent No. 6,152,453 to Kashima et al, (discloses the spherical annular seal member used in a spherical pipe joint for an automobile exhaust pipe- This spherical annular seal member is not washed to remove minute refuse off with reduction water with negative oxidation-reduction potential.

Remaining Process Claims are Inventive

As described above, neither of the cited references, U.S. Patent No. 6,027,807 to Inoue, nor U.S. Patent No. 6,152,453 to Kashima et al, disclose any process for washing minute refuse off a graphite product with reduction water with negative oxidation-reduction potential. Therefore the technical feature of the present invention which includes washing of minute refuse off a graphite product with reduction water with negative oxidation-reduction potential" is not taught nor suggested on the basis of their disclosure, and the claims submitted should be in condition for allowance.

Minute refuse contained in or adhered to a laminate comprising a graphite sheet during the manufacturing of a heat release sheet is electrifiable. Any minute refuse in or on the laminate will act to attract other minute refuse around the heat

release sheet and the attracted will take on a charge. This accumulation of the electrifiable minute refuse will cause critical trouble with electronic equipment on which the heat release sheet is mounted. Therefore the minute refuse contained in or adhered to the laminate has to be eliminated.

The method according to the present invention includes the step of "washing minute refuse off a graphite product with reduction water with negative oxidation-reduction potential"/ This reduction water is capable of effectively washing out the minute refuse contained in or adhered to the laminate because of very small molecule clusters compared with pure water.

Therefore the heat release sheet manufactured by the production method according to the present invention does not have any minute refuse, and so the resultant heat release sheet does not attract any other minute refuse around it.

On the other hand, the graphite products disclosed in the cited documents are not washed with reduction water with negative oxidation-reduction potential. Therefore minute refuse is contained in or adhered to them. The graphite products according to the prior art references are MORE ELECTRIFIABLE than the resultant products of the present invention, and frequently cause

trouble with the electronic equipment compared with the resultant products of the present invention embodied in the claimed inventive steps.

Applicant requests reconsideration and ultimate allowability of new claims 62-65.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's Attorney at the number below between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, if such will advance this case.

Applicant requests reconsideration and ultimate allowability of all aspects of the case.

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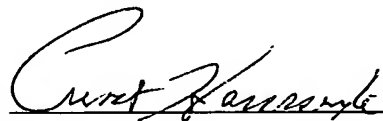
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